

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the Maricopa City Council, I welcome you to the City of Maricopa!

I would like to encourage you to get involved in your new community by attending City Council meetings, enrolling in the Citizen Leadership Academy, becoming a board member, attending city events, enrolling in a class, fishing at Pacana Park and experiencing local business. By asking questions, learning about local issues and participating in local events, you can make a difference! It is your contributions that make a difference in the growth and development of this community.

The Maricopa Guide has been created to provide you with information about the City of Maricopa. It includes local contact information, as well as descriptions of programs and services. You can also learn more about the City by visiting the City's website at Maricopa-az.gov.

If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please contact city staff or any member of your City Council. We are all here to provide you with friendly, courteous and professional service and answer your questions.

I am pleased you have joined me and my family in calling the City of Maricopa home. By selecting a city that is family-oriented and dedicated to providing a vibrant community for residents and businesses, you share common values with your neighbors. Again, welcome to the City of Maricopa and for making our community your home.

History

A 1694 journal entry by Father Eusebio Francisco Kino records a description of what would become Maricopa Wells. He noted an established agricultural community populated by friendly Native Americans who were established traders.

In the Mid-1800's, when everything south of the Gila River was still part of Mexico, Maricopa Wells was a dependable source of water along the Gila Trail. It became an important and famous stage stop for the Butterfield Overland Mail Line that stretched from St. Louis to San Francisco.

The 1870's brought the railroad south of the wells and the ever-adaptable people of the area moved to meet the needs of progress. Phoenix was little more than a tiny village on the Salt River but growing political influence led to the building of a spur line from Maricopa to Phoenix. Today's Maricopa Road (John Wayne Parkway) lies over the top of that old rail line.

In 1935, Maricopa settled into a slower pace as rail traffic north was halted. Although agricultural production had been consistent through time, it became the catalyst when the rail service was cut. Increased mechanization of agriculture

slowed the flow of people. However, it created a hearty farm economy that thrives today.

Farms and pecan groves have given way to new rooftops, paved roads and endless opportunities for residents. In response to unprecedented hypergrowth, the residents of Arizona's 88th city voted to adopt its first Municipal General Plan that would ensure Maricopa achieves its vision through the year 2025.

In order to honor the past while moving into the future of rapid growth, the City developed a new vision that represents the present and future: The City of Maricopa is a family-oriented, vibrant community for residents and businesses seeking careful growth, environmental awareness, and a high quality of life.

Maricopa at a Glance

Maricopa offers residents and businesses the experience of a small-town, rural atmosphere that is within a short distance to two major metropolitan areas.

The **City of Maricopa** is approximately 59 square miles

The **average household income** in the City of Maricopa is \$75,000; this is among the highest in the state of Arizona.

Approximately 61 percent of City residents hold a bachelors degree or graduate degree.

The City currently has approximately 350 businesses and 23 restaurants.

Annual Events: Founder's Day, Salsa Festival, Holiday Homes on Parade, Stagecoach Days, Parent-Child Fishing Derby, Great American Barbecue

The City of Maricopa's council-manager form of government is established in the City Code. This type of government structure combines the political leadership of elected officials with the managerial experience of an appointed professional manager. The City Council and City Manager work as partners to direct and guide local government.

In council-manager communities, the City Council is responsible for setting public policy, approving the City's annual budget, entering into agreements, providing executive leadership, making planning and development decisions and adopting new codes and ordinances.

The Mayor presides at City Council meetings, facilitates communication among elected and appointed officials, assists the City Council in setting goals and advocating policy decisions and serves as a promoter of the community.

The City Manager prepares a budget for the City Council's consideration, recruits, hires and supervises City staff, serves as the City Council's chief advisor and carries out City Council policies. The City Council and local residents count on the City Manager to provide complete and objective information, including alternatives and long-term consequences.

Elected Officials

The Mayor and City Council members are the only elected officials in Maricopa. They are elected at-large on a non-partisan ballot.

The Mayor is elected to serve a two-year term and the City Council members are elected to serve four-year terms on a rotating basis. This means that three council seats are up for election every two years. The vice mayor position is filled at the first City Council meeting in June, following an election or on election years. This position is nominated by the Mayor

and confirmed by a vote of the City Council.

Elected officials may be reached through City Hall:

45145 West Madison Avenue, Maricopa, AZ 85239
Ph: 520.568.9098
Fx: 520.568.9120

Email addresses are listed on the elected officials page. Please note that all e-mail sent or received by City Council members in the course of doing business, whether through personal or City email addresses, is public record.

City Council Meetings

Regular City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Work sessions are held at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meetings. All regular meetings are held at Global Water Center, 22590 North Powers Parkway.

City Council meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted at City Hall, Maricopa High School, Maricopa Fire Department and the City of Maricopa Post Office, as well as on the City website at www.maricopa-az.gov. City Council meeting results and minutes are also posted on the City website following regular meetings. For detailed information on how to participate in City Council meetings, visit the City website at www.maricopa-az.gov.

Running for Office

Any City of Maricopa resident of legal voting age may run for election for the positions of Mayor or City Council. One year of City residency is required before an individual can run for office. Every two years, three council seats and the mayoral seat are up for election. There is no limit to the number of times an incumbent may run for re-election.

The first step in running for office is to obtain an election packet at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 45145 West Madison Avenue. The packet includes the following:

- Candidate affidavit of qualification
- Statement of understanding for campaign finance reporting
- Candidate's nomination paper
- Financial disclosure statement
- Nomination petition
- Statement of organization for a campaign committee
- Title 16, Arizona Revised Statutes (elections information)
- Campaign finance forms and instructions
- Information regarding limits on campaign contributions

Packets are available in December for the March primary election. Required documents must be completed and returned to the City Clerk's Office by the date indicated. For more information about running for office in the City of Maricopa, contact the City Clerk's Office at 520.568.9098.

Public Information

CITY OF MARICOPA NEWSLETTER

The City of Maricopa's Official Newsletter is distributed quarterly to all households in the City of Maricopa. The newsletter provides a way for the City to remain connected to residents and inform them of events, news and general information.

Subscriptions to the newsletter for individuals living outside the community are available for a fee. Copies are also available at City Hall, 45145 West Madison Avenue, or online at www.maricopa-az.gov.

For more information about the newsletter, contact the Office of Marketing and Communications at 520.316.6816 or email communications@maricopa-az.gov.

The City of Maricopa Newsletter provides interesting, informative feature stories about the City of Maricopa. In each issue, residents can expect information about current City topics, special events hosted or sponsored by the City, and City services available to residents.

MARICOPA NEWS

Maricopa News is published four times per year and sent out to Global Water customers in the utility bill. The newsletter highlights news and information on City programs, upcoming events, meetings and more. Subscriptions to Maricopa News for individuals that are not Global Water customers or live outside Maricopa are available for a fee. Copies are also available at City Hall, 45145 West Madison Avenue, or online at www.maricopa-az.gov.

MARICOPA 20

Maricopa 20, the city's cable access station, brings you the latest news, information, events and people that make Maricopa great. Watch and see why Maricopa is the most family-oriented and vibrant community for residents and businesses in Arizona! Maricopa 20 airs on Orbitel and Maricopa Broadband Channel 20, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Visit www.maricopa20.tv for the programming schedule.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The City of Maricopa Office of Marketing and Communications, in collaboration with other city departments, provides a variety of electronic newsletters interested citizens may subscribe to. These include a weekly wrap up, economic development news, transportation updates, parks and recreation news and more. To subscribe, visit www.maricopa-az.gov.

CITY OF MARICOPA WEBSITE

The website, www.maricopa-az.gov, offers up-to-date information, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A click of the mouse provides quick access to news, meeting agendas/minutes, traffic alerts, applications, employment information, calendars, maps and much more! Visit www.maricopa-az.gov to learn more about Maricopa and the many online resources available!

Community Programs

The City of Maricopa offers a variety of outreach programs to regularly communicate with residents. For more information, visit www.maricopa-az.gov or contact the Marketing and Communications Division at 520.316.6816.

Citizen Leadership Academy

Citizen Leadership Academy is a bi-annual series of evening seminars with a three-fold purpose: (a) provide information about issues facing the City, (b) offer a way for residents to help plan the community's future and (c) develop a pool of informed citizens who can serve as leaders in the City and in their neighborhoods.

City of Maricopa staff and guest speakers present information about local government including planning, transportation, public safety, economic development, parks and recreation, municipal budgeting, local leadership and regional intergovernmental relations. The Academy is held in the spring and fall, and graduates are recognized by the City Council at a public meeting.

City Hall Neighborhood Days

City Hall Neighborhood Days is a community outreach program that brings City Hall to neighborhoods throughout the community. The purpose is to encourage neighbors to meet one another and to provide residents with information. The program includes children's activities, informational displays, giveaway items and refreshments. City employees are available at each event to answer questions. Residents are notified of an event in their neighborhood with invitations mailed to their homes and signs posted in the neighborhood. Look for City Hall Neighborhood Days in your neighborhood, or contact the Marketing and Communications Division about scheduling. Requests to be added to the Neighborhood Days event schedule must be submitted by mid-August to be considered for the schedule.

City Contacts

CITY HALL

45145 W. Madison Ave.
Maricopa, AZ 85238
Ph: 520.568.9098
Fx: 520.568.9120

Elections

PINAL COUNTY

Ph: 520.866.7550
www.co.pinal.az.us/elections

SECRETARY OF STATE

Ph: 602.542.8683
www.azsos.gov/election

Public Safety

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Administrative Offices: 520.316.6800

Fire Non-Emergency: 520.568.3333

Police Non-Emergency: 520.866.5111

Silent Witness/Graffiti Hotline:
520.316.6900

Traffic Hotline: 520.316.6919

Police Records: 520.316.6917

Vehicle Impound Inquiry: 520.316.6918

Animal Care & Control

PINAL COUNTY

Ph: 888-431-1311
www.co.pinal.az.us/AnimalControl

Area Hospitals

There are no hospitals currently located within the City limits. The following list are those closest to Maricopa.

CASA GRANDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Emergency: 520.381.6368

CHANDLER REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Emergency: 480.728.3212
Visitor Information: 480.728.3000

AREA URGENT CARE FACILITIES MARICOPA URGENT CARE

21300 N. John Wayne Pkwy. #112
Maricopa, AZ 85239
Ph: 520.381.3811

Communications Services

ORBTEL COMMUNICATIONS

Ph: 520.568.8890

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS

Ph: 800.244.1111

MARICOPA BROADBAND

Ph: 520.568.0778

Gas and Electricity Service

ELECTRIC DISTRICT #3

Ph: 520.424.9021

SOUTHWEST GAS

Ph: 800.428.7324

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE

Ph: 800.253.9405

Water Service

GLOBAL WATER

Ph: 520.568.4452

MARICOPA DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Ph: 520.568.2239

Garbage and Recycling Service

MARICOPA DISPOSAL

Ph: 520.568.4020

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Ph: 602.268.2222

RECYCLING ASSOCIATION OF MARICOPA

Ph: 520.568.9428

Motor Vehicles Department

Register vehicles, obtain or renew driver's licenses, order special/personalized license plates, address change, duplicate driver licenses or ID cards, among other services.

Ph: 520.568.9299

www.servicearizona.com

Post Office

You can change your address online by visiting moversguide.usps.gov.

800.ASK.USPS
44920 W. Hathaway Ave.
Maricopa, AZ 85239

Voter Registration

Update your voter registration to Pinal County

www.servicearizona.com

Traffic and Roadway Conditions

Arizona 5-1-1

Dial 5-1-1 from your cell phone

www.az511.com

Which schools serve my neighborhood?

Currently, there are two school districts, one charter school and one specialty school serving the City of Maricopa. Prospective homeowners are encouraged to call the school districts to confirm which schools serve their neighborhoods. The City of Maricopa municipal government is not involved in the operation or governance of area schools.

Maricopa Unified School District

Maricopa Unified School District #20 serves the entire City of Maricopa and includes education for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Information is available by calling the district office at 520.568.5100 or by visiting the school district website at www.musd20.org. The school district office is located at 45012 West Honeycutt Avenue.

The City of Maricopa works closely with the Maricopa Unified School District and local developers to ensure that adequate school sites are planned along with new development.

Casa Grande Elementary District #4/ Casa Grande Union High School District

The Casa Grande school districts serve a small area of the City of Maricopa and include education for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Information is available by calling the district offices at 520.836-2111 (elementary) or 520.316.3303 (high school) or by visiting the districts' websites, www.cgelem.k12.az.us and www.cguhs.org

Other schools that serve Maricopa:

LEGACY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

19287 N. Porter Rd.,
Maricopa, AZ 85238
Ph: 520.423.9999

GRAYSMARK ACADEMY

44400 Honeycutt Rd., Suite 105,
Maricopa, AZ 85238
Ph: 520.568.5750

Area universities and colleges

Maricopa is located in close proximity to several institutions for higher learning. Information about area colleges and universities is listed below.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

www.asu.edu

Arizona State University is a comprehensive public research university enrolling more than 60,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The university offers nationally ranked colleges and schools, award-winning academic programs, top faculty and a wide array of student resources and support services.

ASU TEMPE CAMPUS

University Drive & Mill Avenue,
Tempe, AZ 85287

General Information: 480.965.9011

ASU DOWNTOWN PHOENIX CAMPUS

411 N. Central, Ste. 520,
Phoenix, AZ 85004

General Information: 602.496.1000

CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE

CAC Maricopa Office
20800 N. John Wayne Pkwy, Ste 104,
Maricopa, AZ 85239
Ph: 520.494.6400

www.centralaz.edu

Central Arizona College offers 50 university transfer programs and more than 90 degrees and certificates in several areas of study.

CAC DISTRICT OFFICE

8470 N. Overfield Road,
Coolidge, AZ 85228

General Information: 520.494.5111 or
1.800.237.9814

Citizen Committees

To obtain an application to serve on City committees, commissions, boards and task forces, visit www.maricopa-az.gov or call City Hall at 520.568.9098.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a citizen advisory committee to provide a higher standard of financial accountability for Council. This is a five member board. This committee will have oversight of the preparation of the City's annual operating and CIP budgets and will make recommendations on financial issues such as investment activities, internal control policies and procedures. This committee will provide subcommittee members for an audit committee.

Industrial Development Authority

The seven-member board encourages economic growth and job creation in the City of Maricopa by making low-interest loans available to qualified projects through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. Financing must meet state bond law requirements, and all projects are reviewed to ensure that financing candidates represent projects that will help to further the community's vision for sustainability.

Merit Board

The City of Maricopa Merit Board is comprised of three members that are expected to protect the Merit System and in turn protect employee and applicant rights guaranteed under that system. The Board may comment on any proposed changes to the Merit System as well as all Personnel Policies and Procedures and provide recommendations for improvements. The Board shall establish procedures consistent with law for the conduct of its hearings.

Parks, Recreation and Libraries Committee

Members of the Parks, Recreation and Libraries committee, are responsible for communicating individual and public thoughts on potential and existing programs, generating concept ideas for future parks, trails and open spaces, and planning for future Library facilities and activities.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission advises the City Council in decisions regarding amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, as well as applications for development. The commission is charged with developing and maintaining the General Plan and submitting the plan and its elements to the City Council.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board consists of five (5) members who are responsible for the administration of the PSPRS system and for making the provisions of the system effective.

Transportation Advisory Committee

The City of Maricopa Transportation Advisory Committee is a seven member Committee that advises the Maricopa City Council and City management regarding matters of streets, public infrastructure, engineering, transportation, transit services, and related development.

County, State and Federal Government Officials

Current elected officials as of
July 2008

COUNTY GOVERNMENT PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Supervisor David Snider,
District 3
520.866.7401

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor, Janet Napolitano
602.542.4331

STATE HOUSE

Barbara G. McGuire, District 23
602.926.3012,
bmcguire@azleg.gov

Peter Rios, District 23
602.926.5761, prios@azleg.gov

STATE SENATE

Rebecca Rios (D), District 23
602.926.5685, rrios@azleg.gov

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Raúl M. Grijalva (D), District 7
520.622.6788 (local)
202.225.2435 (D.C.)

U.S. SENATE

John Kyl (R)
520.575.8633 (local)
202.224.4521 (D.C.)
John Sidney McCain III (R)
520.670.6334 (local)
202.224.2235 (D.C.)

Mission Statement

The Community Services Department will provide opportunities for all residents to improve their personal and social needs through enhanced recreational activities by creating community through people, parks and programs. We will work hard to preserve the cultural history of Maricopa while embracing the future. All citizens will be treated with fairness, dignity and respect regardless of age, race, religion, gender or creed in an effort to improve our quality of life.

Special Events

The City of Maricopa hosts several community events throughout the year that provide fun and entertainment for the whole family. General admission to these events is free, however nominal fees for food, beverages and some activities may apply.

In the spring, the City hosts the Maricopa Salsa Festival. This event includes a salsa challenge, entertainment, games and activities for people of all ages.

In the summer, the Great American Barbecue provides a fun event for the family. This Fourth of July extravaganza has activities for all ages, a movie in the park, local entertainment and an exciting fireworks show.

The City celebrates its incorporation each year with Founders Day in October. The event includes performances by regional and national recording artists, food and business vendors, a huge Kid Zone and the recognition of a founding family each year.

The City celebrates the holiday season through the Holidays of the World event. Local churches, organizations, and vendors are invited to share with residents their traditions and beliefs by the beautiful luminary-lit lake at Pacana Park while enjoying hot cocoa and holiday treats.

Sports Programs

The Parks and Recreation Division offers a variety of youth and adult sports leagues, programs and competitions.

Youth sports leagues offered by the City include basketball in the summer and winter, soccer in the spring and fall, and coach pitch T-ball and softball in the summer.

Adult sports leagues offered include fall, winter and spring softball and flag football leagues. League fees for adult sports apply per team.

Youth sports clinics are also offered through the Parks and Recreation Division. National programs include the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick and the Aquafina Pitch Hit and Run competitions. Regional programs include the Phoenix Jr. Suns Basketball league.

YOUTH, TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS

The City Parks and Recreation Division offers classes and activities for residents of all ages. These classes are designed to provide basic skills for leisure time activities and are not academically oriented. Four times per year, the Parks and Recreation Division publishes the Activator. This is the schedule of classes, sports programming and activities available for registration. The Activator is sent home with every elementary school student and is available at City Hall, local businesses, Maricopa Community Library and on the City's website, www.maricopa-az.gov.

Community Parks and Facilities

Pacana Park spans over 18 acres of land with a pristine 2.25 acre lake; Pacana Park is the City of Maricopa's first public park. The entire area encompasses two lighted softball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a soccer field, a children's playground, two ramadas and many shaded common areas for residents to enjoy. In 2009, an additional 10 acres will be added to Pacana Park, enabling the community to have additional recreation opportunities.

Public Library

The Maricopa branch of the Pinal County Library District is currently located at 44240 West Maricopa-Casa Grande

Highway. The Maricopa Public Library is your one-stop source for information, entertainment, and a connection to your community.

The library boasts a collection of over 18,000 books, videos, music CDs, and periodicals for people of all ages and interests. We also offer a variety of helpful services, including:

- Special programming for adults and young people alike
- Friendly and helpful staff
- Free public Internet computers
- Remote access 24 hours a day to our online catalog and online resources from your home or business computer

The Maricopa Public Library also has a very active "Friends of the Library" group that sponsors activities and programs throughout the year.

On June 3, 2008 construction began on the new Maricopa Public Library. It is scheduled to be completed in winter 2008-2009. The library will feature 8,085 square feet in a single story, meeting rooms and gathering spaces, a children's area and a computer station.

For more information about the library, visit the City website at www.maricopa-az.gov.

Public Safety

To deliver public safety services proactively, professionally and progressively, in order to resolve community issues and problems and provide for the safety and security of our citizens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the Maricopa Fire Department strive to protect the citizens of Maricopa from harm caused by fires, illness, injury, disaster, and other emergencies. We proudly provide an array of emergency prevention, preparedness, and response services, working and training every day to provide them effectively and efficiently. Like the City we serve, the Maricopa Fire Department is a progressively thinking and developing organization that proactively reaches out to our counterparts and mutual partners in order to provide the highest level of professional service to our community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The mission of the city of Maricopa Police Department is to be a leader in providing proactive, progressive law enforcement services to a culturally rich community. We shall continuously strive to foster a safer environment by maintaining a high state of readiness, cultivating community partnerships, and creating innovative community programs. We shall strive to accomplish these objectives without prejudice, with the highest of integrity, and with the support of the citizens we serve.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Code Compliance is dedicated to protecting the public health, safety and welfare, while ensuring every citizen the right to a clean, enjoyable neighborhood. Code Compliance officers uphold the City Code through general monitoring and by responding to resident concerns. These officers are dedicated to keeping your neighborhood safe and clean through education, working with citizens and if need be, enforcement of the City of Maricopa's codes and ordinances. For more information about specific requirements or to view a copy of the City Code, visit www.maricopa-az.gov or contact the Code Compliance Office at 520.316.6989.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property owners are required to maintain all buildings, structures and property on their premises in compliance with City Code. Neighborhood common areas are to be maintained by Home

Owners Associations (HOAs) or the property owner adjacent to the common area in neighborhoods without HOAs. For more information, visit www.maricopa-az.gov or call 520.316.6989.

TEMPORARY SIGNS

Garage sale, real estate and political signs are the only temporary signs that can be posted in the City and are subject to specific restrictions. Temporary signs placed in violation of the City's Sign Ordinance are subject to immediate removal and disposal. For more information, visit www.maricopa-az.gov or call 520.316.6989.

NOISE ORDINANCE

The City's Noise Ordinance prohibits disturbances caused by barking dogs, neighboring music and motor vehicles. For more information, call 520.316.6989.

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

The law requires that all dogs over the ages of three months have a license and rabies vaccination (vaccination must be administered by a licensed veterinarian).

Pinal County Animal Care and Control
Ph: 520.866.7600

Maricopa City Hall Office hours:
Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Taking it to the MaX

TRANSIT IN MARICOPA

The City of Maricopa offers commuter bus service to downtown Phoenix and Tempe. The MaricopaXpress (MaX) runs Monday through Friday and one-way fares are \$3.00, \$2.00 for seniors and free for children under five. For information on routes and to view maps, please visit maricopaxpress.com

TEMPE SERVICE

MaricopaXpress offers residents alternative transportation into Tempe. This is a mid-day service with stops that include Arizona State University and Arizona Mills Mall. One-way fares are \$3.00, \$2.00 for seniors and children five and under ride free. This route runs Monday through Friday only.